

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/531,469

Applicant(s)

YUE ET AL.

Examiner

Allan Olsen

Art Unit

1792

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Allan Olsen

(3) _____

(2) Usha Parker

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 23 July 2009

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 20

Identification of prior art discussed: Petrucci

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Ms Parker pointed out the claimed feature that requires a ratio between a thickness and a difference between two times wherein one of the times is the etch start time. Ms Parker pointed out that the ratio in Petrucci does not incorporate the etch start time but rather Petrucci uses the endpoint start time and the endpoint stop time. Upon submission of formal arguments the examiner will fully reconsider the applied reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See summary or record of interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Allan Olsen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1792